

October 4, 2004  
Regular Meeting

Minutes

Members present

Lloyd Davis- Chairman  
Brent Hunter- Vice- Chairman  
Roger Evans- Commissioner  
Johnny Myers- Commissioner  
D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager  
James Graham- County Attorney  
Melinda Vestal- Clerk to the Board

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order. Commissioner Hunter led the invocation. The Board had the pledge of allegiance.

**Public comment**

Chairman Davis asked for public comment. There were none.

**Minutes**

**\*Commissioner Swaim made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hunter seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

**Citizen concern- property values**

Holton Shepherd, Yadkinville, addressed the Board concerning the proposed loan for the schools. He also addressed the schedule of values.

**Citizen concern- animal shelter**

Alice Singh, President of the Humane Society, addressed the Board concerning the proposed animal shelter bids. She requested the Board to accept the low bid from Wishon Carter and to appropriate the \$60,000 to be used for a spay neuter program.

Chairman Davis stated he appreciates the consistency and willingness from Ms. Singh to work with the Board of Commissioners.

**Citizen concern- animal shelter**

Allen Sneed, Yadkinville, addressed the Board about the size and cost of the proposed animal shelter. He also added the proposed site is not inside the city limits; it only backs up to the Yadkinville line. He inquired why the county could not hook-on to the water and sewer lines already there?

Mr. Wood stated the town will not allow it; must be a new tap.

Commissioner Hunter commented that there are no walking tracks; used only to move the animals out of the pens.

**Economic Development- update**

Mr. Bobby Todd gave an update on economic development in the county. He informed the Board that the employment rate (3.5%) is the lowest since 2000.

Chairman Davis inquired about Lydall.

Mr. Todd responded that the expansion is ahead of schedule.

**Social Services- board appointment**

**\*Commissioner Evans made the motion to appoint Charles Collins to the Youth Care Advisory Board. Commissioner Hunter seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

**Schools- loan for renovations**

Mr. Wood informed the Board about the various requirements set by the LGC regarding the borrowing of money. As per LGC requirements, Mr. Wood requested the Board set a public hearing and approve a resolution for findings of facts.

**\*Commissioner Myers made a motion to set a public hearing for October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. per LGC requirements. Commissioner Hunter seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

**Social Services- Work First Plan**

**\*Commissioner Evans made the motion to approve the Work First Plan for FY2005-2007. Commissioner Myers seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

**Chairman Davis called for a break.**

### **Animal Control- shelter**

The Board discussed the bids for the proposed animal shelter.

**\*Commissioner Myers made the motion to allow Mr. Wood, Mr. Adams and Commissioner Hunter to work with the low bidder (Wishon Carter) to review possible cuts to the cost of the shelter without sacrificing the needs and bring the revised plan back to the Board at the next meeting. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

### **Commissioner comments**

Commissioner Evans inquired about delinquent taxes and read the names of delinquent taxpayers.

Attorney Graham stated he continues to collect back taxes, file foreclosures and send out delinquent bills.

Commissioner Myers commented on Mr. Shepherd's statement "taxes are not equally shared"; agreeing with the comment.

Commissioner Hunter disagreed with Commissioner Myers and Mr. Shepherd. He feels farmers do pay their fair share, if not more.

Chairman Davis reminded the Board about the meeting with the Corp of Engineers on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

### **Manager comments**

Mr. Wood stated the Board of Commissioners have been meeting with officials at Baptist Hospital regarding the lease of Hoots Hospital. The Board has worked very hard to keep the hospital open.

Attorney Graham commented he would like to review the latest update before the Board makes a final decision.

**\*Commissioner Evans made the motion to approve the agreement pending the review by Attorney Graham. Commissioner Myers seconded.**

Commissioner Evans complimented Mr. Wood on his negotiating efforts with the hospital. Commissioner Evans stated Mr. Wood did a magnificent job.

Chairman Davis thanked the Board for their dedication and efforts to keep the hospital open.

Commissioner Myers commended Commissioner Evans and Mr. Wood in their efforts with working with the hospital officials.

**The Board voted 5-0.**

**Adjournment/Recess**

**\*Commissioner Swaim made the motion to recess the meeting until Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Hunter seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

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Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board